

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1952

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This happened to Bud Mewborn, another local legal eagle. He was the defense attorney for a pretty and blond charming young lady who had been charged with passing hot checks. Convinced that his client was innocent and had not intentionally violated any law, Mewborn made an eloquent plea to the jury. The foreman announced the jury's verdict. "Not Guilty."

The grateful defendant wrote him a check for his services. The check bounced higher than a kite.

In exchange for these little plugs perhaps the two aforementioned attorneys would like to jump in and help a group of North Torrance residents who are being taken to the cleaners.

A number of new-home owners in the area have been approached by an out-of-town patio builder.

"If you allow us to erect a patio in your yard to be used for demonstration purposes, we won't charge you a cent," sales the smooth-talking salesmen.

"Sounds like a fine deal," says the unsuspecting homeowner, and in goes the patio. It later develops that the homeowner must do the demonstrating. It is the homeowner who must go out and dig up these prospective patio buyers.

Then for each one that sinks \$500 to \$1000 in a patio the homeowner gets five bucks, or some such ridiculous sum, knocked off his bill for the patio that he was going to get for nothing.

The several people who have called us asking for help realize that they have been stuck and that they should have read the fine print. But they're anxious to prevent anybody else from getting bilked.

In one case we know of there is a particular hardship. The young couple with not too big an income, already have been hauled into court. There is an \$80 a month salary attachment. They have a brand new baby and the couple have had to skip meals to pay for baby formula ingredients.

Dick Felker, who founded the Felker Manufacturing Co. on Border Ave., has invented a set of magnetic false teeth. Imbedded in the plastic material of the choppers are two magnets so placed that the two north poles or the south poles are opposite one another. The result is that the two magnets repulse each other and force the false teeth to stay put.

Where's the Fire?

Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

SUNDAY
9:32 a.m., Arlington Ave. and 164th St., couch fire, slight damage.
12:50 p.m., Crenshaw Blvd. and Carson St., grass fire.

MONDAY
1:45 a.m., Carson and Madonna Sts., grass fire.
12:38 p.m., rear of P. E. Station, grass fire.
5:35 p.m., 1551 Marcelina Ave., church fire, nominal damage.

TUESDAY
1:52 p.m., 1801 Torrance Blvd., shed fire.
4:42 p.m., 102 Monte D'Oro, grass fire.

WEDNESDAY
9:43 a.m., 1801 Torrance Blvd., rubbish fire.



LAS VEGAS BOUND? ... Charming Paula Francis (above) and Patricia Jeanne Marshall (below) have their hearts set on becoming "Miss Torrance of 1952" in the contest which

will be judged here July 17. They will compete with at least seven other entries for a trip to Las Vegas and other prizes.

Varnish Remover Starts Blaze In Church Building

Fire believed started by varnish remover which came in contact with a floor furnace burned a portion of one wall and the ceiling at the Guild Hall of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, 1551 Marcelina Ave., late Monday afternoon.

Firemen said that two men were cleaning varnish from the floors with an inflammable fluid. A pilot light in a floor furnace is believed to have ignited the solvent. The workmen were not injured.

Two fire companies directed by Fire Chief J. J. Benner and Capt. Neil Whitney responded to the fire. Although thick smoke billowed from the structure, the small blaze nearly had been extinguished by the two workmen when fire fighters arrived.

Two Badly Hurt As Three Cars Crash on PCH

Two persons were hurt in a three car crash at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Blvd. late Sunday night, after a car traveling west on the highway smashed into one car and shoved it into another.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering lacerations and bruises and a possible fractured skull was Richard F. King, 47, of Los Angeles, driver of the west bound auto. Anthony R. Guercia, 30, of 3317 Newton St., Welteria, driver of another car, suffered cuts and bruises.

Police officers W. R. Lewis and D. S. Hamilton listed driver of the third auto as Mildred M. Deltrich, 29, of 3519 Madison Ct., Welteria. She was driving her car south on Hawthorne Blvd. when Guercia's car was forced into hers, she said.

Building Permits

MONDAY
C. F. Bippy, eight-foot concrete block retaining wall, 1723 Elm Ave., \$400.
R. D. Anderson, wooden fence on concrete base, 2013 Border Ave., \$200.
Ira Usher Mitchell, service porch addition, 17415 Falds, \$500.
Joe J. Nunez, bedroom addition to dwelling, 17226 Falds, \$400.
Rodney C. Clark, living room addition, 1818 Schilling Ct., \$600.
F. P. Riley, bedroom addition, 17-357 Yukon, \$500.
Herbert R. Burgess, dwelling and attached garage, 2811 Arlington Ave., \$1500.



MODERN BARKER ... Mrs. Gordon Arnold is out barking up the American Legion's Fourth of July dance with the jeep which the Bert S. Crossland Post recently acquired from the city. Newly-elected Legion officials will be presented to the public at the dance tomorrow evening.

Two Entries Swell Queen List to Nine

Two more hopefuls entered the Miss Torrance contest this week, according to Chairman George Post.

Getting their names in to swell the entry list to nine were Beverly Maye Ragland, 19, and Darlene Ann Devine, 19, both of 616 E. Carson St. Miss Ragland's entry was sponsored by Photo Arts Studio. Miss Devine's is being sponsored by Schultz & Peckham Ford.

Big drawing card for the young beauties is a trip to Las Vegas for the winner and a chaperone. Other prizes and honors for the new queen are being planned, Post said.

Already entered in the contest besides the two new ones listed are Shirley Jean Atchley, 17, Sylvia C. Bellwood 17, Karen Dean 19, Barbara Delsigne 20, Paula Francis 17, Patricia Jean Marshall 16, and Shirley Jeanne White 16.

Only a week remains to enter the contest, Post warned. All entries will be closed a week from tomorrow, July 11. Judges will look over the candidates July 17 and choose the "Miss Torrance of 1952." A coronation ball will follow about the first of August.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the Torrance Herald, Levy's Dept. Store, The Chamber of Commerce, or the Torrance National Bank.

Park Director Warns Residents Of Elm Pests

Torrance residents with elm trees on their properties should be on guard against an infestation of caterpillars, they were warned yesterday by C. W. Clemmer, head of the city's park department.

Clemmer warned that the caterpillars first appear as a tiny worm but soon grow large. "They may strip the foliage from a small tree in a 24-hour period," he said.

The park department is making every effort to spray the infested trees with a residual material which will protect them for some time, Clemmer said. This spray is usually good until new growth gives the worms something to chew on which is not poisoned.

"We have hundreds of elms planted throughout Torrance, however and it takes time to get around to all of them with our equipment," Clemmer said. Meanwhile, homeowners having small elms may spray with any good contact spray material, Clemmer said. He recommended DDT, Isotox, or lead arsenate in water. The worms can also be singed off, or the tips of branches with worms on them can be snipped off, he said.

Bandit Escapes With \$146 Cash

A service station at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave. was robbed of \$146 by a buck-toothed bandit who brandished a .38 caliber revolver early Sunday morning, according to Torrance police.

Attendant Charles T. Stillman, 26, of Lawndale, told investigators that the young bandit threatened him with the gun and forced him to shell out the cash. He sported a duck-tail haircut. Stillman reported.

The thug fled in an auto driven by another man, it was stated.

Emmett or E. W., It's Legal for School Business

Ever wish you could change your name? Emmett Ingram, business manager of the Torrance School District, doesn't want his name changed, but the Board of Education this week okayed a request to shorten his legal signature from Emmett W. Ingram to just plain E. W. Ingram.

Every month, it was pointed out, Ingram must sign hundreds of payroll warrants and purchase vouchers, and that "Emmett" stuff gets old after an hour or so of writing.

Board Ratifies Three School Resignations

Resignations of three Torrance School District employees were ratified by the Board of Education Tuesday night. Leaving the schools here are Dorothy Allen Loses, Donald Gerald Manashaw, and Don Herndod Bradford.

Mrs. Loses said that she may have to move from this area. Manashaw is leaving to assume another position, and Bradford will teach at El Camino College.

Watch Out for 'Phony Goods' Peddling Family, Police Say

Police have warned citizens to be on the lookout for members of the notorious Williamson family who again are believed to be operating a "phony goods" racket in California, it was learned this week.

Torrance Chief of Police John Stroh said information has been received that the family, which has operated in California since the turn of the century, is at it again.

Phony Irish lace, fabrics, suit material and various types of poor goods, he advised.

No description was available of goods which the wandering of the family members. Also, phony roof and paint jobs will be attempted by the swindlers, as well as sale of rolls of linoleum with false centers or poor grade materials are offered for sale. Stroh said the family has used a variety of surnames, including McDonald, McMillan, McGarnum O'Brien, Cline, North, O'Toole, McNally, McMahon and Hamilton. They wander, similar to gypsies, making door to door and merchant contacts with their poor goods, he advised.



DONALD MANASHAW ... Accepts New Post

Adult Education Director Takes Air Force Post

Donald Manashaw, director of the Adult Education program of the Torrance Unified School District, disclosed this week that he had accepted appointment as Information Specialist to Lt. Gen. Robert Wells Harper, head of the Air Force Training Command.

Director of the Adult Education program since September, 1949, Manashaw will report to Headquarters Air Training Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., July 16.

Since coming to Torrance three years ago, Manashaw has built up the enrollment of the adult school to where more than 3000 attended classes of the program during the 1950-51 school year.

Classes Expanded

He brought such courses to residents of this area as Arthur Murray social dancing classes, and has built up vocational training classes in cooperation with many of the local defense industries.

Manashaw is currently under contract to Harper & Bros. to write "You Can Learn ANYTHING," a book designed by the author and publishers for mass sale. It is an expansion of the adult school training programs.

He is now working for his doctor's degree in education at the University of Southern California.

Prior to coming to Torrance, Manashaw was a lieutenant commander in the Training Film branch of the Navy, and has produced training and educational films for the Cunard White Star Line, Waterman Steamship Corp., City of Miami Beach, Deleahy Institute, and the Gregg Publishing Co.

Varied Career

A member of the New York State Bar, he taught public speaking, journalism, and law at El Camino College, and has been an instructor in customer and public relations for the Bank of America.

Manashaw's request for release from contract with the Torrance Unified School District was approved by the Board of Education Tuesday evening. He had signed his 1952-53 contract with the district, it was disclosed.

Navy's Right To Accept 1-A Draftees Okayed

Authority for the Navy to accept those 1-A men who have received pre-induction physical examinations has been extended indefinitely, it was announced today by Walter K. Stow, Jr., Officer in Charge of Navy Recruiting for this area.

The Navy's authority to accept volunteers from this group has become a permanent agreement between the services. Men classified 1-A who have received pre-induction physical examinations or orders to report for one, can still volunteer for any service they choose. Thousands of young men have taken advantage of this provision over the past few months to volunteer for the Navy.

"In view of this ruling we expect the number of volunteers or Naval service to increase considerably," Commander Stow said.